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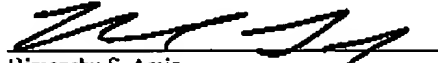
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Dear Sir:

This Reply has been concurrently filed with an affidavit pursuant 37 CFR 1.132, which provides evidence to show what one skilled in the relevant art knew at the time of filing the subject application. Favorable consideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the affidavit and the amendments and comments below.